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## **Glynn County signs MOU with Korean County**

GLYNN COUNTY, Ga. – Glynn County signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Taean County, Republic of Korea on Wednesday, November 8, 2017, in Glynn County’s Historic Courthouse. This partnership was forged through the University of Georgia’s Carl Vinson Institute of Government and the Korean Program within the International Center. The purpose of the agreement is to formally establish a collaborative relationship between the two counties for the purpose of sharing information, knowledge, and ideas specifically in areas that are mutually beneficial to include governance, economic development, culture, education, recreation, and tourism.

Glynn County staff made presentations on finance, public works, community development, and recreation that allowed the Taean County delegation to gain a better understanding of how Glynn County’s governing structure works and the services the County provides. Through the MOU, the two counties share the common concerns for sustainable growth, environmental sensitivity, fiscal responsibility, and enhancing life in their communities. However, commonalities between the two counties became even more apparent during the dialogue that took place following each presentation.

Presentations were also made by the Coastal Resources Division of the Department of Natural Resources, the Glynn County School System, the Glynn County Development Authority, and the

Golden Isles Convention and Visitors Bureau. In addition, the delegation toured the Harold Pate Building, the Georgia Ports Authority, and Summer Waves.

Chairman Bill Brunson said, “Through international partnerships such as this, we are able to learn best practices for governing from around the world and apply them here at home. Glynn County is honored to be a part of this partnership, and we look forward to bettering both of our counties through the lifelong relationship we have established while hosting the Taeon County delegation.”

Mayor Sang-ki Han of Taeon County said he thinks the two counties can be great partners and he looks forward to developing specific plans that can be mutually beneficial to both counties. He also wants to learn from Glynn County how local governments can be sustainable and provide meaningful services to their residents through a comparative study of best practices and policies between the two counties.

Taeon County is located in the northwest part of South Korea in Chungcheongnam-do Province with a population of approximately 63,000. Tourism and fishing industries have been developed along the 347.5-mile length coastal line. Taeon County has 30 beaches, 42 ports, and 114 islands, and is one of the leading tourist and vacation destinations in South Korea with more than ten million tourists visiting annually.



Mayor Sangki Han, Taeon County Mayor and Chairman Bill Brunson, Glynn County



*Front row:* Taesik Yun, Korea Program Manager, CVIOG; Jongwon Kim, Assistant Mayor for Planning and Audit, Taejeon County; Mayor Sang-ki Han, Taejeon County; Chairman Bill Brunson, Glynn County; Chairwoman Yonghee Lee, Taejeon County; Commissioner Richard Strickland, Glynn County; Vice-Chairman Mike Browning, Glynn County. *Back row:* Alan Ours, County Manager, Glynn County; Commissioner Mark Stambaugh, Glynn County

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